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THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" No such permits were granted during 1948–49. Permits were given in the following years as shown below :—

During 1949–50—5.

During 1950–51—37.

During 1951–52—56.

After 31st March 1952—22.

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" May I know wether political sufferers who were granted assignment of lands were also given these iron and steel permits? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I am not aware of any such instance. If the hon. Member gives me the name of the persons, I shall certainly tell the House if they were given."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" Was there anything in the rules preventing a person who has been assigned lands also being given a permit under this scheme? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I do not know what the hon. Member means. But so far as the permit for iron and steel was concerned, there was no such condition."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" May I know whether there is any change of policy with regard to the granting of permits for iron and steel to political sufferers, just as in the case of granting assignment of lands? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" At present the policy is definite that persons in the business for some years only will be given permits. It is not intended to cancel permits enjoyed for two or three years already."

SRI V. GURUNANDAN ROW :—" Is there any other permit of this kind in respect of any other controlled material given to political sufferers? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I should like to have notice of that question."

Madras Children's Bill.

* 27 *Q.*—MRS. M. N. CLUBWALA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state whether a Madras Children's Bill is under preparation and if so, whether the Government have any proposal to appoint a Committee of members, who are connected with this work, for its consideration before its presentation to the Legislature?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—" The Madras Children's Bill, 1950, was prepared and published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* for the purpose of eliciting opinion. The Government had already appointed a Committee to consider in detail the provisions of this Bill and the report of the Committee is under consideration."

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MRS. M. N. CLUBWALA :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware that people who are already working this Act are not on the Committee to give their advice or suggestion? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—" The Government are not aware of it but on further consideration if it is found a new Committee is to be formed, the Government will consider that."

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" Questions over."

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II.—ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE HON. CHAIRMAN *RE* ELECTION OF A MEMBER TO THE STATE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" I have to announce to the House that the following candidates were nominated for election to the State Library Committee :—

(1) Sri Alexander Gnanamuttu, M.L.C.

(2) Sri E. H. Parameswaran, M.L.C.

" As more than one member has been duly nominated, the House will proceed to elect a member by ballot. The election will be held in the Deputy Secretary's room between 11 a.m. and 1-30 p.m. on Wednesday, the 9th July. After getting his ballot paper, each member is requested to record his vote and deposit his voting paper in the ballot box provided for the purpose."

III.—GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 1952–53—*cont.*

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" I must inform the House that many hon. Members wish to speak on the Budget. Therefore, I request hon. Members to be as brief in their observations as possible and there are only two days left for general discussion."

* JANAB MAHOMED USMAN :—" Mr. Chairman, Sir, I should like to take this opportunity to offer my congratulations to the Hon. Chief Minister on the policy of decontrol of foodgrains which he introduced soon after he assumed office. Sir, at one time we had thought that controls would become a permanent feature of the administration. When I was a Member of the Viceroy's Executive Council, control was introduced. At that time there was a great deal of hesitation and a great deal of doubt whether control would ever be a success in a country like India. Of course, during war-time it was necessary to have controls but after the war was over these controls ought to have been removed. Sir, we all know what amount of corruption there has been on account of controls. It is a matter for congratulation that control has been abolished and decontrol has been introduced. I am glad to say, Sir, that the policy which has been inaugurated by Rajaji has been followed in other States. I think, Bihar has decontrolled foodgrains. Yesterday, we read in the papers that Mysore has also decontrolled foodgrains.